

CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO KEOSAUQUA, IOWA

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Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1453]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1453) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell and convey certain lands in the State of Iowa to the city of Keosauqua, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell to Keosauqua, Iowa, at its fair market value, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, a tract of land containing 99.57 acres located partly inside and partly outside the city.

The land was originally acquired by the United States from the Ancient Order of United Workmen of North Dakota in 1936, for a forest tree nursery to produce stock to replant lands in the Iowa purchase units planned to be acquired for national forest purposes. The Secretary of Agriculture reports that there is no further need for the land for this purpose.

A fuller report from the Department of Agriculture follows.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., June 1, 1959.

Hon. ALLEN J. ELLENDER,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR SENATOR ELLENDER: This is in reply to your letter of March 20, 1959, requesting the views of this Department on S. 1453, a bill, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell and convey certain lands in the State of Iowa to the city of Keosauqua.

We recommend that S. 1453 be enacted.

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell at fair market value and convey by quitclaim deed to the city of Keosauqua, Iowa, a tract of land containing 99.57 acres, more or less, located in

Van Buren County, which was conveyed to the United States by the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of North Dakota in 1936.

The tract was acquired by the United States from the Ancient Order of United Workmen of North Dakota in 1936 under authority of the Weeks Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), for a forest tree nursery to produce stock to replant lands in the Iowa purchase units planned to be acquired for national forest purposes. Only a small area was purchased and there are no plans now for further acquisitions in the locality. There is no longer a need for the nursery site. The tract is also a considerable distance from other national forest lands.

The city of Keosauqua desires the tract to enlarge its sewage disposal plant and for a city park. The land is partly inside and partly outside the city. It is well situated and suitable to meet the city's needs. The sale of it to the city will serve a useful public purpose.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Acting Secretary.*

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